



Harvest Righteousness

▪ A Bible Study on the Book of James ▪



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Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Psalm 119:105 & a light unto my path.



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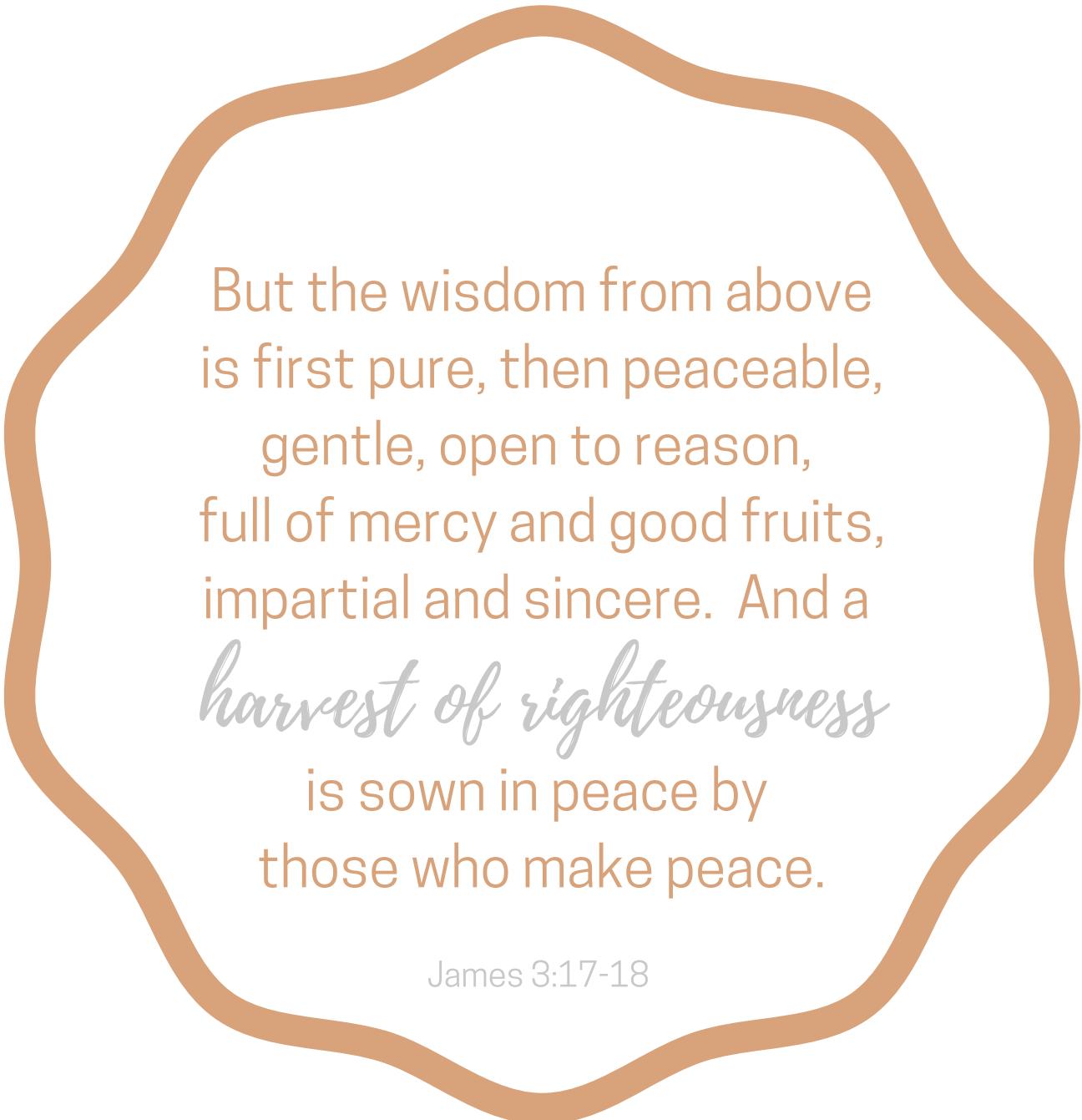
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But the wisdom from above
is first pure, then peaceable,
gentle, open to reason,
full of mercy and good fruits,
impartial and sincere. And a
harvest of righteousness
is sown in peace by
those who make peace.

James 3:17-18



About Meghann & Lamp & Light

Who am I, and why would you want to listen to me?

Well, the truth is I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody all about somebody who saved my soul. And I would much rather tell you about that somebody, so I'll make this quick!

I don't have a neat degree or tittle from a Christian college or seminary to slap on here. I went to the school of hard knocks, and I think I'm still there.

While I have no formal education, I have been studying God's Word for most of my life and I want to share that with you.

I was raised in a Christian home- and not the kind that checked a box of church on Sunday. The kind where my parents faithfully taught, read, and expounded on God's Word. And probably even better than that, they read and lived it themselves. My dad's Bible time with our family wasn't a passive event. I owe my ability to question, know what I believe, and to articulate it to his constant quizzing. My mom allowed me to tag along at Bible studies she hosted in our home and I was exposed to a love for Jesus and the Word.

I went to Christian school for elementary school and hid a whole lot of God's Word in my heart.

And then I went through my teen years.

And I made a whole lot of mistakes and had to learn God's mercy, grace, forgiveness, and pursuit of "ones" who wander away.

Shortly after marrying my husband (high school sweethearts!) I started a radical return to the Lord. I began to read my Bible for myself in a way I never had before. I had a lot of serious repenting to do! I started to audit and question what I was taught and thought I knew so well. To dig into God's Word and press into Him in a way I never had before. And praise the Lord, I haven't recovered from that!

I've been married to my husband, Chad, for 10 years and we have 3 precious children. We live in Alaska, our daughter has Down Syndrome, and we homeschool.

I started Lamp & Light at the very end of 2020 as a Christian business. I am continually blown away by how God continues to use it in ways I never imagined. Think of it a bit as an upside down ministry- business being able to fund and promote the sharing of God's Word and how Jesus changes everything!

If I'm qualified, it is by the grace of God alone!





Hello!

The first thing I want to say to you is don't quit!!

You can almost guarantee that things will crop up, life will happen, you'll get busy, you won't have time...you know how it goes. So, I am asking you not to quit before you get started!

Start with intention, and purpose to keep going even when the going gets tough.

Learning to put our faith into action that produce a harvest of righteousness for the kingdom of God is essential. The book of James is intense. It is filled with calls to action, and you can't read it without conviction. It is sure to work in your life in the very best of ways if you're willing to allow God's Spirit to speak to your heart. Our faith in Jesus and in God's Word is proved out by how we live. If we make a lifestyle of peacefully sowing for the Kingdom, we will reap a harvest of righteousness. Don't grow weary in doing good. God is enough. His Word is true and it is enough. His grace is sufficient and His power is made perfect in our weaknesses.

May your time studying James be fruitful!



Meghann





Outline:

Week 1: Jump In

Week 2: Look for Keys

Week 3: Dig Deep

Week 4: Action!



Over the course of this study we will read through the book of James 4 different times, 1 chapter each day for 4 weeks.

Each week has a different focus.

Each day of the study has two parts, one to dig into the reading and one section called "Dwell" which focuses in on how God is speaking to you through the Holy Spirit by your time reading His Word.



The time investment is roughly 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Use the days off to catch up, or study other areas of Scripture.



Make it a group study! Use the discussion questions provided at the back of this study.



Unless otherwise noted, I use an ESV Bible both for my personal study, and for the Scriptures quoted in this study.



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Then he said to his disciples,
“The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few;
therefore pray earnestly to the
Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9:35-38

May you work for the Lord of the harvest
to reap a harvest of righteousness
for the Kingdom of God!



Getting Started

Who wrote James?
The short answer is we don't know.

Because there was more than one prominent figure named James in the early church, the authorship is disputed.

What we do know is that the author of the book clearly calls himself James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. He knows the Scriptures very well and isn't shy about how he shares them.

Who is James written to?
The 12 tribes in the dispersion. The twelve tribes of Israel that is. They were dispersed throughout the nations around them.
The splitting of the kingdoms of Israel and the disobedience of God's chosen people resulted in their captivity.
(More of this story in the Old Testament.)
Many of them would have maintained their identity as from the 12 tribes of Israel, yet they were dispersed.
We also know that the persecution of the early church led to the scattering of people who believed in Jesus. (Acts 8:1)

What is it?
A letter first. But, to you and I, an inspired book of the Bible.

When was it written?
Because of the dispute over which James actually authored the book of James, there is a rather wide span historically. Anytime from pre 62 AD-125 AD. Some scholars believe that it was written very early in the Church, others do not.

Where was it written?
Likely Jerusalem, by both the wording and historical record.

Why was it written?
To encourage, build up, and instruct those who believe in Jesus.

Week 1, Day 1

Jump In

Bible Reading James 1

Key Verse

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

James 1:5

James is a book of action and illustration. It is full of word pictures that resonate, and are easy to remember. It calls us out of passive belief and into active obedience. It calls us into lives that produce a harvest of righteousness! The reward of living a righteous life? James is rich in promises too. The crown of life, good and perfect gifts, wisdom, and so many others. God is faithful. He doesn't ask us to obey His commandments and have faith that produces action with no benefit. There are blessings to be had from obedience in this life and the next!

1. Read Proverbs 9:10. What are we essentially asking God for when we pray for wisdom?

2. What are we to ask with? What are we compared to if we doubt? (v.6-7)

3. Who receives a crown of life? Who has God promised this to? (v.12)

4. What are we told to do with the Word? (v.22-23)

Write the Word

Write today's key verse.





Pray Do you feel prompted or convicted by the Holy Spirit in any area?

Think it through What comes to your mind when you think over the reading?
Record anything that stood out to you.

Decide What you will do to put Scripture into action?
List opportunities to obey here.



Week 1, Day 2

Jump In

Bible Reading James 2

Key Verse

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

James 2:8

If you were still under any illusion that James was going to make you feel warm and fuzzy, reading chapter two quickly dispels that. Showing partiality IS SIN. No mincing of words. We might not make distinctions based on things like gold rings, but let me give you some examples of where I've been convicted of this. Well known people? Yep. Put together people with cute families? Yep. Successful social medias? Yep. Certain neighborhoods? Yep. Certain cars? Yep again. Showing partiality is wrong. In the church and the kingdom of God this ought not to be so. People look at the outside, but God looks at the heart. If you're squirming in your chair, I'm with you. The best thing we can do is repent and resolve to be more like Jesus.

1. What are we called to avoid at the beginning of James 2?

2. Give examples of what we make distinctions between people based on.

3. Based on James 2:14-19 explain the relationship between faith and works.

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Week 1, Day 3

Jump In

Bible Reading James 3

Key Verse

For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

James 3:2

If anyone doesn't stumble in what he says...I'm not perfect, and I can tell you my mouth has gotten me in trouble a good many times. Can you relate? Yet, James says our mouths should not pour out both blessing to God and cursing of people. Read Psalm 19:14. Make a habit of praying this for yourself each day.

Wisdom per the world is very different than wisdom from God. If we take James 3 to heart and apply it to our lives we will be living, breathing testimonies for God. Not speaking the way the world speaks, and not valuing the wisdom of the world, but rather wisdom from above, will set us apart from those around us who do not hold faith in Jesus.

1. How will those who teach be judged? Read Matthew 18:6 also.

2. List the word pictures used to describe the tongue.

3. What is wisdom from above? (v.17)

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Week 1, Day 4

Jump In

Bible Reading James 4

Key Verse

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:6-7

James 4 paints a treacherous picture of human nature. Apart from the intervention of Christ in our lives we are wicked, mean, and driven to act terribly. We have to watch ourselves very carefully that we are not aligning ourselves in friendship with the world. It isn't fire we are able to play with and not be burned. Being a friend to the world makes us an enemy of God.

Read 1 John 2:15-17.

Look at James 4:8-10. This is the "prescription" if you will, for fixing our relationship with God. If you find yourself a friend of the world, prideful, or simply distant from God this is what you should return to. God is merciful and compassionate, He is quick to forgive and abounds in steadfast love even when we don't deserve it.

1. What is the source of quarrels and fights? (v.1-3)

2. How does our relationship with the world affect our relationship with God? (v.4-5)

3. Why are we called to not speak evil against our brothers? (11-12)

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Week 1, Day 5

Jump In

Bible Reading James 5

Key Verse

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

James 5:7

If we have a lot in this world we should be cautious. The Bible says it is difficult for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Read Matthew 19:23-30. What is impossible in our own strength is possible with God. Also read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. These verses are the best goal for those of us who live in first world countries and have so much. We have to keep our focus on the Kingdom of Heaven.

Reaping a harvest takes time. We need patience. Patience is listed in the fruits of being filled with the Holy Spirit. We need the indwelling of the Spirit of God to help us be diligent in sowing for the Kingdom and having patience for the harvest. Peace is also a Fruit of the Spirit. We can sow in peace and reap righteousness with God's help!

1. Describe what our earthly goods are destined for. (v.2-3)

2. What does verse 5 say these people have lived in?

3. Compare James 4:11 and 5:9. What message is repeated and why?

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Week 2, Day 1

Look for Keys

Bible Reading James 1

Key Verse

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,
for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown
of life, which God has promised to those who love him.
James 1:12

Chapter 1 is said to be a bit of an outline of the rest of the book. A brief overview of what will be expounded on further. We are going to look over these key points and fill in this outline. Please write on the blank line what the verses next to it speak about.

2-4

5-8

9-11

12-15

16-18

19-21

22-25

26-27





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Week 2
Day 2
Look for Keys

Bible Reading James 2

Key Verse

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

James 2:8

Sometimes James is criticized as contradicting the letters of Paul. Yet he doesn't. He just explains that to have true faith, the kind that justifies a person, it will be genuine enough to produce good and righteous actions. Read 2 Peter 3:16. Paul doesn't disagree with James, he is just sometimes hard to understand. We must not only believe that God is one, as even the demons do. We must also to be willing to live FOR God.

James 2 corresponds to James 1:9-11 and 27.

We're going to study over these key points and make sure we aren't missing them.

1. Draw connections between James 1:9-11 and the beginning of James 2. Why should we be quick to realize that those who seem to be poor in this world but have faith are deserving of honor?

2. What good works does James 1:27 list?

3. How were Abraham and Rahab justified? What actions did each take that proved their faith?

Write the Word Write today's key verse.





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*Week 2
Day 3*
Look for Keys

Bible Reading James 3

Key Verse

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

James 3:13

Look at the list of characteristics of wisdom from above again. These aren't shown by someone who is burning people down with their mouth. We can't be pouring out both fresh and salt water. We need wisdom to guide us into meekness, gentleness, and being peacemakers. Jealousy and selfish ambition will cause us to speak wicked things that we shouldn't say about others. We must allow the Holy Spirit to help us with producing the good fruit of self control.

James 3 corresponds with James 1:5-8 and 26.

1. James 1:5 says if we lack wisdom we should ask God for it without doubting. How do we show wisdom in our lives?

2. What relationship do you see between James 1:26 and James 3:10-12?

3. Who is a harvest of righteousness sown by? (v.17)

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Week 2
Day 4
Look for Keys

Bible Reading James 4
Key Verse

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:8

Temptation doesn't come from God. It is produced out of our own desires that are at war within us. Temptation allowed to run rampant in our lives will lead to desire that produces sin, the exact opposite of the righteous harvest that we are after. When we ask God for things we need, we must do it with pure hearts and not out of friendship with the world and coveting what the world has to offer. Well laid plans can be a source of this. We want to be successful at any cost. Yet, that isn't seeking first the Kingdom. We should always conduct all areas of our lives with an "if the Lord wills" view. Arrogance and pride are closely related. Boasting in arrogance about our plans will cause the Lord to oppose us.

James 4 corresponds with James 1:13-14

1. Compare James 1:14-15 and James 4:2-4. What do these passages have in common?

2. Read Proverbs 19:21. Now look at James 4:13-15. What do we learn from these passages?

3. What does God value? (v.6,10) What will arrogance cause us to do? (16)

Write the Word Write today's key verse.





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Record anything that stood out to you.

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List opportunities to obey here.



Week 2
Day 5
Look for Keys

Bible Reading James 5
Key Verse

You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

James 5:8

In James 5 we are told to be patient as the farmer is patient in waiting for the precious fruit of the earth. In chapter 1 we are told that God brings us forth as a kind of first fruits of all of His creatures, by His word of truth. In chapters 1, 3, and 5 of James we see rich agricultural pictures. Take some time to examine each of these and how they apply to your spiritual walk.

Remaining steadfast in trying times is such an important part of fruitful lives for the Kingdom. We should strive for peace, even when our faith is being tested. The goal is that we consistently sow in peace in order to reap a harvest of righteousness for God's Kingdom.

Look up 1 Timothy 2:1-3 and spend time in prayer as these verses instruct.

James 5 corresponds with James 1:9-18

1. Compare James 1:9-10 with James 5:1-6. Do earthly riches seem desirable?

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2. What themes do you see in James 1:12 , 17-18 and James 5:7-8?
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3. How did Elijah pray and what for? (v.17-18) *We will dig into this more next week.
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Write the Word Write today's key verse.





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Week 3, Day 1

Dig Deep

Bible Reading James 1, Romans 5:1-6,
Key Verse 1 Peter 1:3-9

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
James 1:2-4

Be joyful when things are trying? Are you kidding me? Sometimes it feels like James, Peter, and Paul must have been a little out of touch with reality! Truth is, they probably faced more trials than you or I likely ever have. And still, they said to count joy, BECAUSE of what it produces in the end. Steadfastness. Maturity. Faith that is tried out and proven to be strong. It isn't something we just say that we have, it is something we prove, perform, and accomplish in the storms of life. When we cheerfully endure, with the help of the Lord, our faith is shown to be of more worth than gold that is tested by fire.

1. Looking at each of these segments of Scripture, what is the goal and outcome of tested faith?

2. Look up the definition of "steadfastness" and "endurance". Summarize below.

3. When we have endured, what will we be lacking in?

4. Look at Romans 5:5. What has been poured into us and how?

Write the Word Write today's key verse.





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*Week 3
Day 2
Dig Deep*

*Bible Reading James 2
Key Verse*

"But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors."
James 2:9

Showing partiality is sin. No mincing of words. Why?

It isn't loving our neighbor as ourselves.

I want you to think deeply about partiality and favoritism for a second. Perhaps you and I don't show partiality based on gold rings and fine clothes, but maybe it's based on status. Or followers. Or vehicles. Or whatever your thing is. I'm going to be honest with you and say I have some repenting to do on this. I hope you'll invite God to search your heart to find out if you have anything offensive to Him in this area. I love that James calls it what it is- sin. It feels like "clean" sin perhaps, but it isn't. And I've seen it done a good many times in the church. It's sad, and we need to repent. We need to love and treat as equal our brothers and sisters in Christ who may never be able to offer us anything of value in this world, but are rich heirs in the kingdom of heaven.

1. What actions show the distinctions being made in James 2:3?

2. Have you seen something similar to James 2:6-7 happen in your own life?

3. Explain mercy and judgement from verse 13.

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*Week 3
Day 3, Pt. 1
Dig Deep*

Bible Reading James 3, Ephesians 4:29-32

Key Verse

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

James 3:10

*Because James 3 is so full of important things to dig into, this day is a 2 part study. If you need to split this day up, feel free to come back to it on the weekend.

Go ahead and cringe now. We're digging into what we say, and if there's anything that can convict you in a 1-2-3 punch it's this. James literally says we all stumble in many ways and don't always bridle our mouths. Have you said something you shouldn't have before? Spoken poorly of a person created in God's image? This lesson is a hard one to learn. But, it is absolutely worth asking God to help you by the power of the Holy Spirit to have the self control to speak kind words. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue", Proverbs 18:21 says. Choose to speak life. If this is an area you have not experienced victory from sin, commit to praying and resolving to try. Read through Proverbs and mark all of the verses that talk about speaking. Create a Biblical view of what should and shouldn't be spoken. Don't forget that the world is watching, Your testimony for Jesus is on the line by what you do, and do not say about others. People WILL notice. It's no surprise that Paul writes specific Scriptures pertaining to women about this issue (Titus and 1 Timothy). It is such an opportunity to shine for Jesus if we conduct ourselves well. Speak truth with gentleness and love!

1. What is the tongue compared to in verse 6?

2. What is the tongue full of? (v.8)

3. Read James 3:13. Read Proverbs 14:1. How can these connect to what we say?

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*Week 3
Day 3, Pt 2.
Dig Deep*

*Bible Reading James 3 (focus on 13-17)
Key Verse*

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:17-18

What do you think of when you hear wisdom? Education? A certain person? James 3 says it's a person who shows wisdom by wonderful behavior. I strongly encourage you to look in the interlinear Bible. Take James 3:13 apart and study it word by word. Please, please use the Bible to define wisdom. Don't buy the garbage of the world-success and education don't equal wisdom. You CANNOT be wise if you don't fear the Lord. Exercise extreme caution when listening to people who don't fear the Lord. They are liable to lead you astray with "wisdom" of the world.

1. What is called out that can be in our hearts in verse 14? What are we told not to do?

2. Sum up what verse 15 says in regards to jealousy and selfish ambition in our hearts?

3. Read Galatians 5:22-23. What fruits of the Spirit do you see in the list of qualifications of wisdom from above?

Write the Word Write today's key verse.

A word on jealousy.

This is a vile sin that is tolerated, and even celebrated today. Simply saying "I'm jealous!" is accepted. We have to stop. Jealousy and selfish ambition are wrong. They may create and motivate worldly success, but who cares about that if our hearts are considered earthly, unspiritual, and demonic? We have to repent. The only thing that's acceptable to be jealous for is the worship of the one, true God. God is jealous of our worship, time, adoration, and love. And that is the only form of jealousy we should accept.





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Week 3
Day 4
Dig Deep

Bible Reading James 4

Key Verse

Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

James 4:9-10

Humility is recognizing our place under a holy and righteous God. It is remembering that we are merely like flowers that are passing away. It is bringing ourselves low, or being brought low. We truly can either choose humility on our own, or be brought low by the Creator of the universe. If we are willing to bend our knee and bow our hearts to the Lord of all, He does something incredible! He gives us grace and He lifts us up.

Read Psalm 3. David is the author of the book of Psalm. David was a man after God's own heart. His humility is evident over and over throughout his writings. I encourage you to look at his example of humility.

Pride is a source of so many problems in our lives and in the world. James 4 scratches the surface of some of these, and highlights a most important problem created by pride: being opposed by God.

1. What do we receive from the Lord if we humble ourselves? (v.6, 10)

2. Read Isaiah 66:2. Do you feel James had read this before? What does he repeat?

3. Look up the definition of humility and write it here.

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*Week 3
Day 5
Dig Deep*

*Bible Reading James 5
Key Verse*

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16

If you're happy, if you're sad, if you're sick, James 5 has instructions for you. When you need help you seek God through prayer. If you're joyful you praise the Lord. And if you're sick? You call for the elders of the church to pray for you and anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord. Isn't it interesting that when we are in a weakened state- sick- we call for help from leaders in the faith? We aren't required to always have the strength on our own. We aren't designed to do life alone. These Scriptures show beautifully the role of our brothers and sisters in Christ in our lives. We are to confess our sins to each other, to pray for each other, to experience the power of God's healing together, and to be willing to intervene in one another's lives to turn back someone who is in sin from their wandering.

1. Suffering?

Cheerful?

Sick?

2. What kind of prayer saves the one who is sick, and what happens for that person?

3. What is a part of being healed? (v.16)

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List opportunities to obey here.



Week 4
Day 1
Action!

Bible Reading James 1

What verses stuck with you from chapter 1?

There's no point in studying God's Word, in knowing God's Word if it doesn't change our lives, and because of that, the lives of those around us! We must learn to take what we study and apply it to the daily grind. To wake up each day with the determination to NOT be only a hearer, but also a doer of the Word! Make these lists. Save these lists. And DO what you're called to do! Go through and list all of the calls to action, and the "do nots" from chapter 1.

DO This!

And Don't Do This!





Pray Do you feel prompted or convicted by the Holy Spirit in any area?

Think it through What comes to your mind when you think over the reading?
Record anything that stood out to you.

Decide What you will do to put Scripture into action?
List opportunities to obey here.



*Week 4
Day 2
Action!*

Bible Reading James 2

What verses stuck with you from chapter 2?

Go through and list all of the calls to action, and the "do nots" from chapter 2. If you need additional space use the "notes" pages at the end of this study.

As you go throughout your day allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to call to your mind actions that you need to amend to fit better with the truth of Scripture. If we invite God into our day He is faithful to lead us and guide us into all righteousness.

DO This!

And Don't Do This!





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*Week 4
Day 3
Action!*

Bible Reading James 3

What verses stuck with you from chapter 3?

Go through and list all of the calls to action and the "do nots" from chapter 3. If you need additional space use the "notes" pages at the end of this study. When you fail to meet the mark of obedience perfectly, thank God for His mercy, grace, and forgiveness. Read Psalms 103:8-14 and Romans 7:12-25.

DO This!

And Don't Do This!





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*Week 4
Day 4
Action!*

Bible Reading James 4

What verses stuck with you from chapter 4?

Go through and list all of the calls to action and the "do nots" from chapter 4. If you need additional space use the "notes" pages at the end of this study.

God gives more grace, particularly to the humble. We're called to submit ourselves to God and resist the devil. When we draw near to God, He promises to draw near to us. Seek the Lord, when you seek Him with your whole heart you will find Him!

DO This!

And Don't Do This!





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*Week 4
Day 5*
Action!

Bible Reading James 5

What verses stuck with you from chapter 5?

Go through and list all of the calls to action and the "do nots" from chapter 5. If you need additional space use the "notes" pages at the end of this study.

We know the Lord is compassionate and merciful . He calls us to remain steadfast, sometimes through very difficult times. He does not leave us on our own to pursue righteousness. He gives us the Holy Spirit as a comforter, and brothers and sisters in Christ to do our lives with.

DO This!

And Don't Do This!





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Final Questions

Of all of the lessons in James, which spoke to you the most and why?

Did God convict you while you were working through this? Explain.

What stands out to you as an area God gives you the most grace?

Final Challenge:

At some point (now or in the near future) write out the entire book of James. It may take you a few days, I love to work on one chapter at a time. I promise it is worth it. Writing the Word deeply ingrains it in your heart, soul, and mind. It is a powerful tool that the Holy Spirit will speak through, and a mighty sword you can use against the enemy!



Week 1

1. Had you studied James prior to this study?
2. What chapter of James challenged you the most? Why?
3. Did God connect what you were studying in James through any experiences or other study time this week?
4. Do you feel like you have already had seasons of reaping a harvest of righteousness? If not, how can you plant for that?
5. Briefly sum up your first week of study and give your personal takeaway.

Week 2

1. What connections and themes continued from last week for you?
2. What chapter of James challenged you the most this week? Why?
3. Did God connect what you were studying in James through any experiences or other study time this week?
4. How do you feel like studying James is changing your day to day life and relationships?
5. Briefly sum up your week of study and give your personal takeaway.

Week 3

1. What connections and themes continued from last week for you?
2. What chapter of James challenged you the most this week? Why?
3. Did God connect what you were studying in James through any experiences or other study time this week?
4. What word pictures from James are resonating with you?
5. Briefly sum up your week of study and give your personal takeaway.

Week 4

1. What connections and themes continued from last week for you?
2. What chapter of James challenged you the most this week? Why?
3. Did God connect what you were studying in James through any experiences or other study time this week?
4. Do you feel equipped to share what you have learned through studying James?
5. Briefly sum up week of study and give your personal takeaway.



Congratulations!

You made it through digging into James. I hope this isn't simply a Bible study that you move on from and forget. I hope that it starts (or continues) you being a doer of the Word!

Continue to study the Word of God. Pick a book, pick a topic, do another study- whatever works for you. But, please don't wait. Reading the Bible is like eating. It isn't optional. More than a few days without, and you'll be in rough shape. It is absolutely necessary for a healthy walk with the Lord.

We desperately need to worship God in Spirit and in truth. Learn to study the Word, but also to worship. Invite the Holy Spirit in- it is vital both to our personal lives and to a strong and well equipped church.

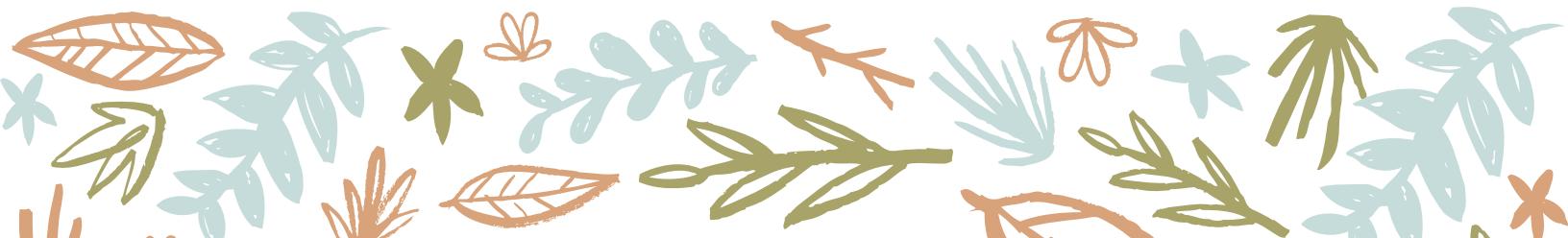
The one thing that gives me confidence to write studies is that time in God's Word never returns void. It is always time well spent. God's Word is always accomplishing what it is sent out for. It holds truth that we can build our lives on. Jesus is the Word made flesh, He lived it perfectly, and He is a firm foundation in all seasons.

My prayer is that you will sow in peace and reap a harvest of righteousness for the Kingdom of God, to the glory and praise of God our Father.

I deeply value and appreciate the time that you invested in this study.

Thank You

Pray that you will love God's Word.





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*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

Isaiah 55:10-11